

Fiscal Highlights

Who Gets Services When the Disability Waiting List is Funded? - Stephen C. Jardine

In response to legislative intent language from the 2014 General Session, the Division of Services for People with Disabilities provided the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst with a report reviewing its Critical Needs Assessment process (<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00005237.pdf>). An issue brief summarizing the report and outlining the four main policy questions related to the report can be found at <http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00005254.pdf>.

When the Legislature provides funding for individuals on the Disabilities Waiting List, 85% ([UCA 62A-5-102\(4\)\(b\)](#)) of the funding goes to those with the highest Critical Needs Assessment scores. Per statute, [UCA 62A-5-102\(4\)\(c\)](#), the remaining 15% goes towards providing respite services to individuals and families randomly selected from the list.